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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FBI DOCUMENTS ON THE JOHN F. KENNEDY ASSASSINATION RELEASED WEDNESDAY:

--RELATIONS BETWEEN THE FBI AND THE COMMISSION WERE SO POOR THAT THE FBI SPIED ON THE COMMISSION AND THE COMMISSION TOUGH THE FBI COVERED-UP ITS SUSPICION THAT LEE HARVEY OSWALD WAS AN UNDERCOVER AGENT FOR THE BUREAU.

--CHIEF JUSTICE EARL WARREN INITIALLY DECLINED TO HEAD A PRESIDENTIAL COMMISSION INTO THE SLAYING, WITHOUT GIVING A REASON. BUT WARREN CHANGED HIS MIND ALMOST IMMEDIATELY, ACCEDED TO LYNDON JOHNSON'S REQUEST.

--THEN-REP. GERALD FORD, A MEMBER OF THE PANEL, COMPLAINED OF WARREN'S MANAGEMENT OF THE INVESTIGATION AND PROMISED TO KEEP THE FBI "THOROUGHLY ADVISED AS TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMISSION ... ON A CONFIDENTIAL BASIS." FORD ALSO AT ONE TIME INTENDED TO WRITE A BOOK ABOUT OSWALD, BUT NEVER DID.

--OSWALD'S WIFE MARINA TOLD THE FBI SHE HAD TO LOCK HIM IN A BATHROOM IN APRIL 23, 1963 TO KEEP HIM FROM TRYING TO ASSASSINATE RICHARD NIXON. BUT HOOVER CONCLUDED THAT OSWALD OR HIS WIFE WAS CONFUSED, AND THAT THE APPARENT TARGET WAS VICE PRESIDENT LYNDON JOHNSON, GIVING A SPEECH IN DALLAS THAT DAY.

--ON NOV. 18, 1964, AFTER A YEAR OF EXHAUSTIVE INVESTIGATION, HOOVER DECLARED THAT THE FBI HAD FOUND NO EVIDENCE OF A CONSPIRACY. "WE HAVE NEVER DEVELOPED INFORMATION INDICATING ANYONE OTHER THAN OSWALD INVOLVED IN ASSASSINATION," A MEMO SAID, ADDING "WE HAVE LEFT NO STONE UNTURNED."

--HOOVER HAD LITTLE PATIENCE WITH THOSE WHO ESPOUSED CONSPIRACY THEORIES, CALLING AUTHOR MARK LANE A "SEX PERVERT" WHOSE WORK WAS "TRASH," AND DICKGREGORY A "RABBLE-ROUSING NEGRO COMEDIAN" WHO IT CALLED "DEMENTED."

--CARTHA DELOACH, HOOVER'S RIGHT-HAND MAN, OFFERED FORD SPECIAL USE OF A LOCKED FBI SECURITY BRIEFCASE TO TAKE HOOVER'S REPORT ALONG TO STUDY ON A SKIING TRIP. "O.K," HOOVER NOTED IN THE MARGIN.

--KATZENBACH ADVISED THE WHITE HOUSE ONE DAY AFTER RUBY SHOT OSWALD THAT "THE PUBLIC MUST BE SATISIFIED THAT OSWALD WAS THE ASSASSIN, THAT HE DID NOT HAVE CONFEDERATES WHO ARE STILL AT LARGE." PREVIOUS FILES SHOWED HOOVER PERSUADED PRESIDENT LYNDON JOHNSON NOT TO MAKE SUCH A FLAT PUBLIC STATEMENT UNTIL HE HAD HAD TIME TO CHECK CONSPIRACY TIPS FURTHER.

--IN A CLASH WITH DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL NICHOLAS KATZENBACH, DELOACH IDENTIFIED HIM AS THE SOURCE OF ALLEGATIONS THE FBI HAD LEAKED CONFIDENTIAL INVESTIGATIVE MATERIAL. DELOACH SAID HE TOLD SEN. RICHARD RUSSELL, D-GA., A WARREN PANEL MEMBER, "KATZENBACH WAS OBVIOUSLY LYING." HOOVER NOTED IN THE MARGIN OF THAT MEMO: "THIS SHOWS KATZENBACH'S TRUE COLORS."

--HOOVER PUBLICALLY DISDAINED THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION PROBE CONDUCTED IN 1967 BY DISTRICT ATTORNEY JIM GARRISON IN NEW ORLEANS AND REFUSED TO LET FBI MEN ASSIST IN IT. BUT PRIVATELY, THE FILES SHOW, HE KEPT CLOSE TRACK OF GARRISON'S PROGRESS AND HIS AGENTS TRACKED DOWN NEARLY ALL.

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